requisite number of Crop Cutting Experiments. Among the annual commercial/horticultural crops, eleven crops *viz.* sugarcane, potato, cotton, ginger, onion, turmeric, chillies, tapioka, annual banana, pine apple and jute have already been covered under the schemes.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of assistance for earthquake in Gujarat

2791. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is reported widely in the press that debris on the ground are yet to be cleared and the promises and resolution foregotten in the earthquake hit Gujarat; if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon;

(b) the details of institutions who actually extended help and had later withdrawn; and

(c) what are the reasons for such withdrawal of help to earthquake hit areas of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) According to the Government of Gujarat most of the debris in the four completely destroyed towns of Kutch district, *viz.* Anjar, Bhachau, Bhuj and Rapar have been cleared.

(b) and (c) The State Government have informed that 46 NGOs which originally showed interest had withdrawn mainly due to (i) lack of experience in complex areas like private housing, (ii) scarce financial resources with them; and (iii) inability of the partnering NGO to mobilize villagers in joining the NGO for reconstruction of the Village.